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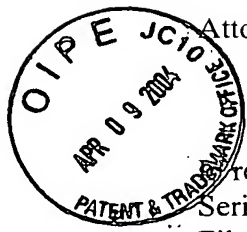
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Re: Yaworski *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 4728

Serial No.: 10/722,351

Group Art Unit: 2833

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME

Date: April 7, 2004

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**PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE**

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicants hereby petition to grant the proper filing date of November 25, 2003 rather than November 26, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of November 25, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicants were improperly given the filing date of November 26, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of November 25, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicants became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the granting of November 25, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

On the basis that Applicants properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file

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Respectfully submitted,

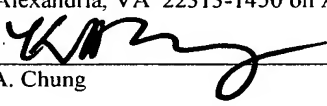


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☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☒ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 10/324,817; filed December 20, 2002, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.  
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME**

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3. ☒ 13 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
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  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
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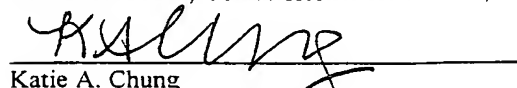
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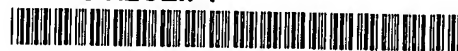
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